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The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has operated a state forestry plan for more than 100 years that has restored nearly 160,000 acres of diverse and healthy forests. That includes the Yellowwood State Forest Back Country Area, which was purchased in the 1950s when the area was nothing more than worn out agricultural land and cutover woodland.

Today, after decades of reforestation and management, including several documented timber harvests, the Yellowwood Back Country Area is a gem that all Hoosiers enjoy.

The Department of Natural Resources is following scientific processes evaluated annually by two forest certification organizations that have determined that the agency meets national and international standards for sustainable, well-managed forests, and has done so for the past 10 years. Our organizations closely monitor DNR's forestry practices, and we would be the first to object if we believed the state was engaged in any activity that was detrimental to the Yellowwood Back Country Area.

The Division of Forestry's management practices will continue to protect and conserve timber, wildlife, topsoil and water resources in the Yellowwood Back Country Area for the next 100 years. We support these efforts.

Sincerely,

Central Indiana Chapter of Pheasants Forever	Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association
Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center	Indiana Society of American Foresters
Indiana Hardwood Lumberman Association	Indiana Tree Farm
Indiana Association of Consulting Foresters	Indiana Woodland Steward
Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts	Quality Deer Management Association
Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.	Walnut Council
Indiana Forest Industry Council	White River RC & D Forestry Committee